

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: October 9, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM



In Attendance

Present: Andrew Boyd, Jeremy Thompson, Jenna Vallette, Kelli Siemieniak, Grant Carruthers, Spencer Oliva, Ann Labeau, Fr. Andrzej, Lorraine Ptacek, Angela Howard, Courtney Maurer, Lorinda Collings, Katie Harwood

Guest: Mary Coffin

Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr. Andrzej.

Commission/Committee Updates

Worship

Ringers and Singers for grades 3-8 is on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:15 PM. These students will prepare to play and sing at Mass. The Christmas concert has been reformatted to a Gratitude Concert and will be on November 23rd following 11 AM Mass. A meeting for Advent and Christmas will be held.

Stewardship

Wine and Cheese resumes on October 18th. We have had a few people step in to coordinate Wine & Cheese.

Discipleship

Will meet on October 30th.

Evangelization

A Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat will be offered to kids as a service project. Fatima Night will be on Wednesday. The first monthly Parish Dinner was a success.

Administration

No report was given.

Building Committee

The Library Project: Grant was able to draw up renderings with a configuration A vs B. The consensus determined the two window configuration makes more usable space in the library with an equally usable office space. Discussion ensued regarding a pocket door vs a hallway door, a hallway door was deemed the better option. It was also determined a full wall to the ceiling would be best. Jeremy, the head of the building committee will speak to Justin Carlin of Clover Construction regarding the project. Fr. Andrzej will meet with Mary Coffin, the librarian, to make arrangements for her office.

New Hire Introduction - Courtney Maurer

Courtney Maurer accepted the Children's Ministry Coordinator. She was recommended to apply for the position by a parishioner. She moved to the area from Tennessee, but she did live in the area as a child and attended OLBH.

New Business

National Pastoral Musicians Fall 2016 gathering and possible parish mission: Fr. Ricky Manalo, a speaker and musician, will be here for the NPM gathering. He can do a public speaking event or concert at the parish in late September or early October to aid in spiritual growth.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is November 14-15th.

The priest retreat is next week and there will not be daily Mass.

October 30th the Bishop will be here for the 8 AM Mass.

Security was brought up and discussion ensued. The conversation began with Spencer asking what is being done during Mass and Faith Formation for security. Fr. Andrzej noted we have cameras placed. It was noted that Cathedral has a security team for events and such to monitor and a team at Mass. In the basement we try not to have any kids alone. We will work harder to remind people using the church to keep the back door locked and closed. Placing a sensor on the back door that notifies whether the door is open or shut was recommended. It was determined to review the safety policies on Catholic Mutual.

Upcoming Events

Fall Festival is November 1-2.

Fr. Andrzej closed the meeting with a prayer.

Future Meeting Dates (2nd Thursday):

11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, and 6/11.